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A SIGN OF PROGRESS

The President's Page

This is the Golden Anniversary year of Gardner-Webb College, and the college looks to the future. It is wise occasionally to pause and take stock, distinguishing between the temporary and the immediate and the imperishables. It is too easy to become so enmeshed with the organization, the buildings, and the programs that we forget the mission on which we are sent. Thus substituting something that is good for something that is priceless.

However, the debt to the past is infinite. It is true that of the 24 buildings now owned by the college only two were here prior to 1935. But the memory of the dreams of those who labored here and those who supported them with their money and prayers and their devotion to those dreams make a rich heritage, which seems to say,

"I charge you with my dreams."

The only way to pay that debt of gratitude is by showing our undying gratitude in keeping alive and advancing what they so nobly began.

Through the years the development of the college has been healthy. The quality and size of the student body has grown normally. Enrollment figures as of today are 700 per cent above that of 13 years ago, between 10 and 20 per cent above that of last year. The faculty has also comparably increased in size and quality. One of the greatest problems we face now is securing and holding trained and dedicated personnel. Our competition now is with the four year colleges and universities who can pay better salaries than we can. During the present year as many as 20 colleges and universities have contacted members of our staff, seeking to take them away, and in most instances offering them more remuneration than we can pay. They want the teachers who can produce the type of student they get from Gardner-Webb.

It should not be forgotten, however, that Gardner-Webb has invested heavily in those who have come and gone. Almost without an exception those who have stayed only a short while have gained such training and experience and distinction that they were enabled to go into much more remunerative positions. The college owes much to all who have labored here; however, its greatest debt will be to those who came and through sacrifice have stayed.

The college is financially sound. Over a dozen years, income and expense practically balance. There will always be financial problems. The budget which is now about \$300,000 is met in the following ways: 75 per cent of it is borne by the student and his parents; three per cent comes from endowment; 12 per cent from the Cooperative Program of the Baptist State Convention. The final 10 per cent is met by auxiliary enterprises and by gifts. This last item is a matter of faith. We do not think that is too much investment in our future citizenship to be made by foundations, corporations, businesses, and individuals. We have faith that they will meet it. Whatever they lack the college goes in the red thus far.

There are certain intangibles that Gardner-Webb must keep if it does not want to sink into mediocrity. It must keep its sense of gratitude for the inspiration and incentives which it has inherited from the past. It must maintain its devotion at all costs to its Christian ideals. It must increase its emphasis upon a well-rounded liberal education. Its emphasis upon the moral excellence and scholastic ability of its faculty must be maintained. It must never forget its function of dedication to the complete development of the individual, and especially to those who are not in the upper five per cent scholastically or who do not have much money.

We who work here constantly may not have time to listen for criticisms that may hurt. We turn to you to answer such through your sympathetic understanding, faith, and prayers.

Let me repeat that this is the Golden Anniversary year. You will hear later of the various programs that will be held during the year, celebrating this half century of progress. Come back as often as you can not only to share the spiritual uplift to be had here but also to share in and help produce an unparalleled advance for the future. Pray that the College in its dedication may become the transmitter of a quality of education so necessary in our day for all citizens but especially for the leaders of our denomination.

P. L. ELLIOTT.

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Margaret Dellinger ----- Vice-President
Mrs. Dorothy W. Hamrick ---- Sec.-Treas.
John Roberts ----- Editor of the Quarterly

About The Cover

Alma Mater will accept a new building next month as part of the physical plant of the institution. Its clean brick and concrete will contrast sharply with the red dirt from excavations and service lines, but with the years it will acquire grass, shrubbery, trees, and possibly some ivy, along with thousands of happy hours of untold pleasant memories.

The cover picture was made in mid-July as a ditch-digging machine cut an opening for steam lines to carry heat to the new building.

Special Effort

The Golden Anniversary expansion program will have a fund-raising effort in Cleveland County this fall to secure funds toward erection of the new physical education building.

The special drive will begin in late September or early October. The exact date will be determined by other civic functions in the county. The Steering Committee has not yet set a specific goal in the drive, but \$25,000 to \$40,000 has been mentioned.

Your Invitation To Homecoming

Sharpen your pencil, climb up on a chair, and draw a heavy circle on your calendar around October 27, because that promises to be a big day for you if you will let it be.

October 27 is Homecoming Homecoming and Founders Day. Special Chapel services at 10:30 A. M. will honor the memory of Gardner-Webb's founding fathers. A guest speaker will give the morning address, and recognition will be given present and past trustees, former students, and other friends.

Special entertainment for old grads will begin in mid-afternoon, followed by a barbecue supper on the lawn for all who make reservations or belong to the Bulldog Club.

A football game with our mountain rivals, the Lees McRae Bobcats, will round out the day's activities at 8 o'clock in Shelby Stadium.

Summer Commencement

Summer school commencement exercises were held August 11 in the E. B. Hamrick Auditorium. Ten graduating students were awarded diplomas by J. Y. Hamrick, director of the summer school. Dr. W. Wyan Washburn of Boiling Springs, vice-chairman of the board of trustees, was commencement speaker.

Summer school enrollment this year totaled 97. The students had a choice of 22 courses from which to select their subjects for study. The dormitories and cafeteria were open for boarding students. A majority of the summer students, however, live nearby and commuted from home.

Teaching in the summer school were J. Y. Hamrick, P. L. Elliott, Jr., Dr. T. C. Holland, William F. Troutman, Paul J. Stacy, M. A. Moseley, Norman Harris, and Hubert C. Dixon.

Miss Padgett Elected New Alumni President

Miss Mabel Padgett of Spindale, a graduate in the class of 1944, is the new president of the Alumni Association. She was elected at the Alumni Banquet for a one-year term of office.

The new vice-president is Miss Margaret Dellinger of Belmont, who is a member of the 1947 class.

Re-elected secretary-treasurer is Mrs. Dorothy W. Hamrick, registrar at the college and a member of the class of 1935.

Newly elected directors are Harold Long, '56; Mrs. Ralph Elliott, '37; and Dr. S. A. Wilson, Jr., '32.

Mrs. F. B. Hamrick, '13; Mrs. J. Lowery Austell, '26; Henry W. (Bunny) Price, '54; Frank Wall, '50; Richard Plyler, '55; and Mrs. Lee Lavender, '31 are continuing directors.

Retiring directors are V. H. Gillespie, '19; David McHam, '53; and Mrs. Robert H. Beason, '46.

Allen Named Trustee

David L. Allen of Hickory has been appointed to the board of trustees of the college, replacing Fred D. Caldwell, deceased.

Mr. Allen is a graduate of the college in the class of 1924. He is manager of the Hickory division of Statesville Flour and Feed Mills. His appointment to the board continues until January 1, 1960, subject to approval of the Baptist State Convention.

Mr. Caldwell, also a 1924 graduate of the college, died on May 2. He was an attorney in Maiden, and had served the college as trustee prior to his most recent appointment.

Graduating Class Set New Project

Our newest alumni, the class of 1956, have undertaken a new and challenging project in providing living endowment for our Alma Mater.

The 1956 class members have pledged a series of 20 contributions to the support of the college, beginning with \$1 in 1957 and increasing by \$1 each year, making the 1976 contribution \$20.

The entire pledge amounts to \$210 over the two decades, but any alumnus may give more than his pledge during any year of the time covered.

Approximately 98 per cent of the class signed the living endowment pledges, meaning that approximately \$40,000 is pledged to the college over the 20 year period by this class alone. This is equal to the income from \$50,000 endowment over a similar period.

Harold Long, president of the graduating class, spearheaded the drive and reported the plan at the Alumni Banquet in May.

This act of foresight and loyalty by our newest alumni is expected to serve as a challenge to all former students to adopt similar goals as individuals. It is also expected to set a precedent for future classes.

Wins Scholarship

Philip L. Elliott, Jr. '54, graduated fourth in his class this year at Furman University.

Phil was an honor student at Furman, majoring in English literature. He has been awarded a full scholarship for graduate study in English at the University of North Carolina.

This summer he has taught two courses in English grammar and composition at Gardner-Webb.

He plans to be married on August 18 to Miss Marguerite Sparks of Spruce Pine.

Our Alumni President Speaks

Dear Fellow Alumni:

With vacation season rapidly vanishing and school days lurking just around the corner, students everywhere turn their thoughts to institutions of learning. Even we, as alumni, might wistfully paraphrase the words of the poet, "Backward, turn backward, O Time in your flight, Make me a student again, just for tonight."

However, rather than backward, we should look forward to the continued growth and far-reaching influence of Gardner-Webb College. This can only be accomplished through our active participation in the purpose and responsibilities of the Alumni Association, especially now as we are preparing for the celebration of our Golden Anniversary.

During the few months which precede this eventful year in the life of the college, I shall continually be grateful to you for entrusting



MISS PADGETT

the office of president to me. I shall strive diligently to uphold the standards which have been made and seek, with your cooperation, to make our Golden Anniversary truly a time of celebration.

MABEL PADGETT

Life With The Alumni

CLASS OF 1908

T. B. Camp operates Camp's Farm and Scuppernong Vineyard near Salisbury.

CLASS OF 1920

Ozelle Gardner Gellring (Mrs. R. H.) visited the campus May 21. She now lives in Monticello, Fla.

DeWitt A. Anthony has a poultry business near Kings Mountain. Mrs. Anthony (Alma Frances Bell '27) is a graduate nurse and has worked for a number of years in Veterans Administration hospitals.

CLASS OF 1931

Bessie Sue Wilson Lavender (Mrs. Lee) is a homemaker and mother in Earl and is a leader in numerous civic projects in Shelby and Earl. Her son (Claude, is a G.W. freshman).

CLASS OF 1932

Mary Tedder Baynes (Mrs. Aubrey) is a homemaker and mother in Wendell. She and Aubrey have three young children.

CLASS OF 1933

Mamie Lou Forney Bridges (Mrs. Burwell) has taught High School English in Shelby and Harris, Rutherford County, since graduating from Meredith in 1935.

CLASS OF 1935

Rev. Hugh Harrill is pastor of Sandy Plains Baptist Church, Cleveland County.

CLASS OF 1937

Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Stokes (Aileen Scism) now live at Rt. 3, Latta, S. C.

CLASS OF 1939

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blanton have a new daughter, Rhonda Carol, born May 8.

CLASS OF 1940

Rev. E. P. Bennett is pastor of North Morganton Baptist Church in Morganton.

CLASS OF 1941

Juanita Davidson Wilkie (Mrs. Hoyt) lives in Chesnee, S. C. as homemaker for her husband and four children.

CLASS OF 1944

James C. Jolley is county news editor of the Shelby Daily Star. He is also director of music at Sandy Mush Baptist Church in Rutherford County.

Helen Lancaster Rouch (Mrs. John) lives in Forest City as a mother and homemaker.

Meredith McGinnis Hogan (Mrs. Reid) is a homemaker and mother in Raleigh.

CLASS OF 1945

Miriam Lipscomb Lee (Mrs. John) lives in Boiling Springs and works at Hudson Hosiery Company in Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Durham Ledbetter (Ruby Connor) have a new daughter born June 1.

CLASS OF 1947

Rev. J. D. Wyatt is pastor of Patterson Springs Baptist Church near Shelby.

Rev. and Mrs. John W. Beam (Dorothy Franklin) live in Morganton where he is Associational Missionary for Catawba Baptist Association. Their children are John, Jr., 7, Mary Ruth, 4, and Daniel Ray, 6 months.

Phillip Lee is a rate clerk for Piedmont and Northern Railway in Charlotte.

Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Luther visited the campus July 23. He is pastor of Pine Level Baptist Church and graduated in May with the Th. M. degree from Southeastern Seminary.

Rev. Robert G. Fisher recently became pastor of First Baptist Church, Buena Vista, Va. He was formerly at Funston Baptist Church, Funston, Ga.

Jackson S. Hoyle is supervisor of child care with the State Board of Welfare in Raleigh.

CLASS OF 1948

Rev. Clyde High is pastor of two rural churches near Kinston. He and Mrs. High have two young children.

Life With Alumni (Cont'd.)

Joe T. Smith is a sales representative for Carolina Bag Company, which will soon station him at its new Lumberton plant. He and Mrs. Smith have a son, Tony.

CLASS OF 1949

Rev. James Holder was called July 1 as pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Kings Mountain. He was formerly pastor of First Baptist Church, Whitnel.

Joe McDaniel lives at 106 East Mountain Street in Kings Mountain.

Bob Hoffman is sports editor of the *Kings Mountain Herald*.

Shirley Lawrence Unangst (Mrs. Richard) is living in Philadelphia where her husband is studying pharmacy.

Jack A. Walker of Boiling Springs graduated May 27 from Limestone College with a major in English.

Nyal Williams was an honor graduate student during spring semester at Baylor University.

James Calvin "Whitey" Scruggs is the new Principal of Grover School in Cleveland County. He is married to the former *Martha Lee Hudson*.

Yuell Hawkins was recently named principal of Lucia School in Gaston County. Mrs. Hawkins was formerly *Dorothy Hord*.

CLASS OF 1950

Rev. Zeb Moss was called last month as pastor of Caroleen Baptist Church in Caroleen. He was formerly associate pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church in Mobile, Ala. Mrs. Moss is the former *Evelyn Krause*.

Rev. Joe A. Roberts is assistant pastor of West End Baptist Church in Atlanta. He graduated in May from Southern Seminary with the Th. M. degree. Mrs. Roberts was formerly *Shirley Huskey*.

Sara Frances Sperling and *Ellerbee Wilson Griffin, Jr.* exchanged marriage vows June 3 at First Baptist Church in Shelby.

CLASS OF 1953

Jewel Borders and *William Leon Brown* were married June 3 at Eastside Baptist Church in Shelby.

Ted Hope graduated in June from the University of South Carolina and is now employed by Carnation Milk Co. in Houston, Tex. He and Mrs. Hope have two small daughters.

Harold Eugene Abercrombie took *Donna Lou Setchfield* as his bride June 9 at First Baptist Church, Shelby.

CLASS OF 1951

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Bridges (Patsy Shull) have a new son born May 12.

Rev. Clyde P. Pearson was ordained into the ministry April 22 in Hillsboro. He is a student at Southeastern Seminary and pastor of Mars Hill Baptist Church, Hillsboro.

Robert Benjamin Hamrick took as his bride *Patsy Jane Crosby* June 30 in Beaver Dam Baptist Church near Shelby.

Joe Alfred Hunt married *Joan Carolyn Wesson* at Lawndale Methodist Church in June.

Doris Inez Sanders and *A. 3C Benjamin K. Collins* were married July 3 at Fairview Baptist Church, Hillsboro.

CLASS OF 1952

Jonelle Teague was married to *Clifford Jett* June 4 at Beachmont Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. She graduated in May from Southern Seminary School of Church Missions.

Dan W. Silver plans to enter Southeastern Seminary this fall.

Hildegard McGinnis Cook (Mrs. Paul) works at Singer Sewing Center in Shelby and is also studying at Howard Business College.

Robert Reid Blackburn and *Rose Marie Creswell* were married July 1 in the Baptist Church in Plum Branch, S. C.

Rev. and Mrs. Gaylord Lehman (Faith Johnson) are at Southern Seminary. She is a secretary in Louisville.

Mary Lynn Methfessel Ratcliff (Mrs. Terry) is living in Hampton, Iowa. Her husband returns this month from Korea.

Eunice Evelyn Washburn was married to *Walter A. Giles* at Double Springs Baptist Church in June.

Rev. James McAllister was called in June as pastor of Trinity Baptist Church near Boiling Springs.

Life With Alumni (Cont'd.)

Baxter Leigh graduated from Limestone College this spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Jordan, Jr. (Janet Mintz '55) live near Boiling Springs. He is enrolled at Limestone College and she plans to study there this fall. They have a son, Jimmy, 11 months.

Sara Lee Hamrick graduated in May from Peace College and is working as a secretary in Raleigh.

CLASS OF 1954

Daphne Randolph Bridges (Mrs. Charles) and family are now living in Detroit, Mich.

Betty Jean Emmett graduated cum laude from Appalachian May 18. She majored in elementary education.

Lewis C. Toney, senior engineering student at State College, has been awarded the Monsanto Chemical Company Scholarship for outstanding academic achievement.

Katherine Hazeltine plans to teach sixth grade in Edneyville beginning this fall.

Rev. Paul Riggs graduated from Limestone College in May, and is now pastor of Guilford Baptist Church in Guilford.

Keith Hawkins is stationed with the Seventh Army in Germany.

Gerald Lutz received a degree in geological engineering from State College in May.

Mac Hill is on the staff of the *Greenville (S.C.) News* and is enrolled in summer school at Furman University.

Edwin Aubrey Beam, Jr. and *Bobbie Surratt* were married in June in Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

Ann Williams is now living at 425 Hillcrest Ave. in Charlotte.

Jimmie Gamble, rising senior at Appalachian, was named to the school's honor roll last spring.

CLASS OF 1956

Mildred Bridges and *Tom Poston* were married July 15 in Boiling Springs Baptist Church. They are living in Boiling Springs, and Tom plans to enroll this fall at Limestone College.

Marie Brittain was married in June to *James L. Martin* of Boiling Springs in Casar Baptist Church.

Janet Beam and *James E. Parker* were married June 7 in Wesleyan Methodist Church, Cherryville.

Sylvia Borders became Mrs. *John D. Brooks* June 24 in Patterson Springs Baptist Church near Shelby.

Benita Jon Dameron and *Donald McCarson* were married June 23 at Love Memorial Baptist Church in Gastonia. They are living in Winston-Salem where he will attend Wake Forest this fall.

Anita Hoyle and *Jimmy Sides* plan to be married Sept. 2. They will live in Shelby and Jimmy will continue his studies at Limestone College.

Jean Trantham and *David Littlejohn* are engaged to married.

Jerry Ballard has enlisted in the Air Force.

Margie Lattimore and *Henry Beveridge* are planning to be married in December. He studied at Wake Forest this summer and will continue his studies there this fall.

Jerry Doby plans to enlist in the Air Force in September.

Boyce Freeman is now serving in the Navy.

Carlisle Hostetter and *Geneva Pack* plan to be married in September.

Wilma Moxley and *Kay Swain* are working at a bank in Elkin.

Joyce Stephenson and *Pat Stout* plan to enroll at Meredith this fall.

Bobbie Stone is working this summer for Red Cross.

Bill Walker and *Kitty Logan*, '57, were married in July.

Betty Jo Williams is employed in a bank in Spartanburg, S. C.

Lynn Cheek is entering nurses' training.

Johnnie Putnam has enlisted in the Navy.

Ruth Turner is secretary to the educational director at First Baptist Church in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Traywick (Othella Cabe '55) announce the birth of a son, *Paul Robert*, July 26.

Larry Jones and *James Hall* have joined the Air Force.

Charles Rankin has enlisted in the Air Force.

Jerry Hawkins, who plans to enter Western Carolina this fall, assisted Coach "Pop" Simmons with the Shelby American Legion team this summer.

Student Store

The Student Store, housed in a frame building beside the E. B. Hamrick Building, has had a thorough renovation inside and out this summer.

The ceiling has been painted white, walls are maplenut, and the outside has been re-painted white. The floors have been repaired and other overhauling completed.

The store will be open at night this year and will serve hot sandwiches and hot coffee and chocolate. A new regulation permits the boys and girls to take a "coffee break" at 9:30 P.M. after study hours which will begin at 7 P.M.



JAMES M. ANDERSON

James M. Anderson will join the faculty Sept. 3 as assistant professor of business education.

Prof. Anderson is a native of Turtletown, Tenn., is a graduate of Western Carolina College, and has the M. A. degree in business education from Peabody College. For the past three years he has been a lecturer in the Army.

In announcing his employment August 7, Dr. P. L. Elliott, president, stated:

"Our business education department now has a staff equal in professional training to that of any junior college in the land." The department is headed by Prof. Eugene Vosecky, who has completed residence requirements for the Ph. D. degree.

See pages 12 and 13 for news of other new teachers. This material was written before announcement of Prof. Anderson's employment.

Clinic Expansion

Plans are progressing for expansion of the Gardner-Webb Clinic. Final decisions on the nature of additional building have not been made, but tentative plans are for added surgical and patient-care space, plus purchase of additional equipment.

Dr. W. Wyan Washburn and Dr. Sam J. Crawley, Jr., college physicians, have agreed to match a \$10,900 gift from the Ford Foundation, provided the people of the greater Gardner-Webb area subscribe an equal amount. This would provide \$32,700 for new construction.

Mrs. Lottie Ledford of the Flint Hill community near the college gave the first contribution toward meeting the challenge. Since then some 18 people have given or pledged \$100 each. Felix Hamrick, associate director of the Golden Anniversary campaign, is soliciting the donations.

Dr. Washburn and Dr. Crawley have expressed plans to erect their own professional building on property adjacent to the Clinic. This would provide additional space in the Clinic where they now rent office space.

The doctors were joined in practice July 1 by Dr. T. R. Harris, a native of Cliffside, who comes as an associate.



NEW STRATEGY PLANNERS are Miss Margaret Dellinger, left, alumni vice-president; Miss Mabel Padgett, president; and Mrs. Dorothy W. Hamrick, re-elected secretary-treasurer.



NEW RECRUITS to the Alumni ranks are these graduates of 1956, with a sprinkling from the year before.



ENJOYING THE REUNION is Miss Jennie Smith, left, teacher from 1937 through 1946. Across the table are Mrs. J. M. Walker and Mrs. J. D. Huggins. John M. Pollock is beyond Miss Smith.

Meet The New Faculty Members

A number of changes in faculty personnel have been made during the summer. Included in the changes are four additions because of increased enrollment and seven replacements for faculty members who have resigned.

Newly employed faculty members are:

Joseph Godwin, director of guidance and teacher of psychology and Bible. Prof. Godwin is a native of Ozark, Ala., and is a graduate of Alabama State Teachers College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been pastor of churches in Alabama and North Carolina and was a commissioned instructor in the Marine Corps during World War II. He comes to Gardner-Webb from the First Baptist Church, Lewisville, where he was pastor.

Miss Kay McGee, instructor of beginner courses in the fine arts department. Miss McGee graduated in May from Furman University with a major in music. She is a native of Winston-Salem and is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. K. McGee.

Mrs. M. A. Stroup, resident Counselor and assistant to the dean of women. She is a native of Cherryville and is a teacher, mother, and civic leader.

Three faculty members resigned during June. Dr. Robert N. Elliott, professor of history, has joined the faculty of North Carolina State College, William F. Troutman, head of the history department, goes to Atlantic Christian College as acting head of the social science department, and Dr. Robert A. Dyer, director of guidance and professor of Bible and psychology, plans to "Rest and study" this year.

The three have given Gardner-Webb a total of 19 years service of a highly qualified calibre. While it is extremely difficult to replace outstanding people we feel that the college has secured valuable and capable teachers to continue the work in these departments.

New personnel previously announced in the May issue of the Quarterly are Miss Doris Jones, dean of women; Miss Jean McSwain, English; Miss Gail Baucom, assistant librarian; Seth Washburn, physics; and Claude H. Britt, Jr., languages.

Resignations previously announced are Miss Mabel Starnes, dean of women; Mrs. Helen C. Barnett, counselor for girls; Robert G. Carr, music; and Miss Laura Jean Keeter, business.

Enrollment Report

Indications on August 1 were that enrollment for the fall semester will show a substantial increase over the total number of students a year ago.

Enrollment has shown a steady growth for the past several years, reaching a new record of 436 students last fall. Those joining the ranks in January pushed the year's total figure to 475. College officials expect to register well over 450 students this fall; some optimists in the group are looking toward the 500 figure.

Boarding facilities will be available for 420 students, 340 of whom can be housed in completely modern, fireproof buildings. Decker Hall can accommodate 140 boys, and an additional 80 boys can be housed in renovated portions of the Huggins - Curtis building. The dormitories for girls will accommodate approximately 100 girls each. Officials do not anticipate having both the girls' dormitories filled to capacity because the facilities are being more than doubled, but on August 1, space remained for only 30 boarding girls.

New Faculty Members



Doris Jones



Joseph Godwin



Seth L. Washburn



Jean McSwain



Claude Britt



Gail Baucom



Kay McGee



Richard Barnett



Mrs. Vera Stroup

Commencement Exercises

Commencement exercises were held May 28 in the E. B. Hamrick Auditorium, with diplomas being awarded to 68 graduates.

Dr. A. E. Tibbs, dean of Furman University, gave the literary address. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered May 27 in the Boiling Springs Baptist Church by Dr. John A. Barry, Jr., president of Coker College.

The Huggins and Curtis Citizenship medals were awarded respectively to Harold Long of Gastonia and Mildred Peterson of Boiling Springs.

Gardner-Webb History Ready For Press

The book of Gardner-Webb history, now in final stages of preparation for submission to the printers will be off the press and on sale next spring.

Francis B. Dedmond, head of the English department, is author of the book which tells the Gardner-Webb story. It will probably be printed by Broadman Press in Nashville, Tenn.

Material for the text begins with first public mention of "A Baptist high school" at the Kings Mountain Baptist Association meeting in 1903. The school was chartered two years later and opened in 1907 as Boiling Springs High School. It became a junior college in 1928 and was re-named Gardner-Webb in 1942.

Pigskin Prospects and Predictions

Head Coach Norman Harris and James Garrison, assistant coach, can't decide whether to have the crying towel handy when football practice begins August 27.

For several seasons the Bulldogs have stayed in the winning and break-even columns on the football field, often coming home victorious over schools with stronger lines of scholarship-fed players. Twice in the last three years the Gardner-Webb teams have been conference champions, last season sharing honors with Lees McRae. The coaches and players are anxious to keep the record intact.

Fortifying the line this year will be veterans Benny Sherrill and Bill Stephens at center, John Holland at guard, Joe Dysart at tackle, and Jackie Reavis and Kelly Key at end.

James Johnson will be back at quarterback where he performed so beautifully last year. Robert Webb and James Huey will also alternate at this spot. Arnold Isaacs, Bobby Crew, Landon Deal, and Ben Poston will be running at halfback, and the fullback position will be manned by Paul Roberts. Coach Harris is quick to point out, however, that quite a bit of shifting may be necessary to perfect a good working combination.

The bright part of the football picture is in the new recruits. All summer big huskies have been drifting by to chat with the coach, and quite often he has escorted them to the admissions office for application forms.

Fans will have an opportunity to see the Bulldogs perform September 22 when the locals play the Western Carolina Jayvees on home soil. Highlight of the season will be the Homecoming fracas with Lees McRae on October 27.

Martha Mason Enrolls; Lives In Iron Lung

Martha Mason who has lived in an iron lung at her home in Lattimore since she was stricken with polio nine years ago, will enroll at Gardner-Webb this fall.

The new student is 18 years old, and graduated this year from Lattimore High School. Despite being unable to attend classes with the other students Martha was valedictorian of her class. Her teachers declare she has remarkable ability.

Martha will "Attend" classes via special closed circuit television camera and tape recording machines. She and her parents will occupy an apartment in the Huggins-Curtis dormitory.

Arrangements to acquire the expensive TV cameras are being worked out with officials of Station WBTV in Charlotte. Details of the arrangement will be made by the newspapers and TV station, but suffice it to say no charge will be made to the college.

Football Schedule 1956

September 15	—Ferrum Junior College	—Away
September 22	—Western Carolina "B"	—Home
September 29	—Lees McRae	—Away
October 6	—Hargraves	—Away
October 13	—Mars Hill	—Home
October 20	—Wingate	—Away
October 27	—Lees McRae	—Homecoming
November 3	—Mars Hill	—Away
November 10	—Wingate	—Home
November 17	—Georgia Military	—Home



PERFECT ATTENDANCE—Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Hamrick (Louise Whitaker, '25) have an enviable record for attendance at alumni banquets. Mrs. Hamrick has been at every banquet since she enrolled as a high school freshman in 1921. His record too is practically intact. He has missed one gathering because of illness since he graduated in 1923.

Morrisetts Return

Prof J. Stephen Morrisett, head of the Bible department since 1945, will be back in the classroom this fall after a year of study and travel in Europe.

Prof. and Mrs. Morrisett and their younger children, Joey and Becky, lived last year in Germany, where he studied at the University of Heidelberg. They also made several sightseeing trips to Italy, Paris, London, Bavaria, and Vienna.

A harpsichord, purchased by the Morrisetts in Germany, has attracted widespread interest around the college. A popular keyboard instrument in seventeenth century European drawing rooms, the harpsichord is now a rarity; only three are known to be in North Carolina.

Bulldog Club Membership

Notices for renewal of membership in the Bulldog Club are now being sent to several hundred alumni and friends who have expressed a special interest in Gardner-Webb's athletic program.

The Bulldog Club reported 95 members during its first year. An effort is under way to double the membership and also increase financial aid to deserving athletes during the coming year.

Bulldog Club members are invited to attend all home athletic events as guests of the college. Also without charge is the barbecue at Homecoming which this year will be on October 27.

Alumni Banquet Attracts 320 Guests

Some 320 Alumni and guests crowded into the dining hall of the O. Max Gardner Building May 26 for the annual Alumni Banquet.

Attendance was the heaviest it has been in several years. Delighted alumni and college officials expressed their hope that the attendance will continue to grow to such an extent that the banquet will have to become a buffet dinner.

Rowell Lane, president of the Alumni Association, was master of ceremonies. Dr. P. L. Elliott, president, reported that the college is continuing to grow in students, in service, and in physical plant. He pointed out that while growth is seldom easy, it is usually worthwhile.

After the business session and election of officers, Mary Sue Pruett Jarrett (Mrs. B. M.), '23, entertained with a selection of popular songs, giving her own accompaniment on the accordion.

Christian Education Totals Reported

Christian Education Day contributions to the college through the churches has now passed \$46,000. The offerings have come from 168 churches in Cleveland, Rutherford, Gaston, Burke, and a number of other counties.

Churches throughout the greater Gardner-Webb area observed Gardner-Webb Day on a specified Sunday in April, placing special emphasis on the local college in their recognition of the value of Christian Education.

Although \$46,000 was far short of the original goal set by the college, trustees and college officials were highly pleased with the generous response made by interested friends through the churches.

Rowell Lane To Enter Ministry

Rowell Lane, '34, president of the Alumni Association in 1955-56, has resigned his position as principal of Kings Mountain High School. He plans to enter Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary this fall to study for the ministry.

Lane, a native of Sunshine community in Rutherford County, has the B.A. and M.A. degrees from Wake Forest College. He has taught school in Hyde County and was principal of Marion High School for two years before going to Kings Mountain in 1948. He is an Air Force veteran of World War II and holds a commission as Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserves.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane, the former Miss Hazel Asby, have two sons, Robert Harold, 12, and James Branch, 8. The family will move to Wake Forest this fall.

Golden Anniversary Plans Being Made

Gardner-Webb's Golden Anniversary, marking 50 years of progress and service, will be recognized during the calendar year of 1957. A score of special celebrations and events, representing various departments and endeavors of the college, are being planned for next year.

Among the proposed activities are:

Special editions of local newspapers marking a half-century of dedicated service by the college, a joint meeting of the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Baptist Associations on the college campus, publication of a history of the institution, a historical pageant, and special programs by other college departments.



A CHANGING SCENE AERIAL VIEW OF CAMPUS — JULY, 1956

Huggins-Curtis In Full Harness

The Huggins-Curtis building is the only structure on the Gardner-Webb campus known to every student who has attended the institution.

Through half a century of service its walls have at one time or another housed every department of study and every phase of extra-curricular activity offered by the college.

For the first 40 years of its life Huggins-Curtis was the main building; the center of college life. Indeed, at times it was the entire institution.

It housed the boarding girls, and sometimes portions were set aside for boarding boys.

On the main floor were classrooms, the library, laboratories, society halls, offices, the parlors, and for a time, the auditorium. The dining hall, kitchen, and storage rooms were in the basement, as well as the maintenance and repair shops.

With the sudden growth of the college after World War II Huggins-Curtis slipped gradually but surely from its position as center of campus life.

First, the girls moved out to their new, fireproof dormitory and all classrooms were shifted to other buildings. Boys were moved into the

building, but for only one year. Then the new dining hall was completed and Huggins-Curtis was no longer descended upon at mealtime by hungry students.

Since 1950 it has had varied uses. The basement has been taken over by the physical education department for dressing and storage rooms and office space. While the college is "between gyms" the old society hall has served for volley ball and badminton courts. Band and other classes also use the main floor.

Around 25 to 40 students have lived in the building each year, as other dormitories overflowed.

For many months the trustees have been perplexed by the problem of what to do with Huggins-Curtis. Their general conclusion might be

described as "It's too worthless and too expensive to renovate and too good to tear down."

Heavy enrollment makes its own demands, however, and this summer the interior of the building is getting a face-lifting. Ceilings and walls have been repaired, wiring and plumbing checked, screens and windows fixed, and the interior painted in beautiful pastels. The basement and first floor have been renovated to provide a half-dozen classrooms including the physics laboratory and the business education department.

Upstairs some 70 boys will be housed in rooms that look better than old timers could ever imagine.

Huggins-Curtis may or may not be fit for permanent use, but come September it will again be in full harness.

Improvements To E. B. Hamrick Building

The E. B. Hamrick Building is to receive a new front facing the center of the campus. Architects are now at work on plans for the addition, and construction is expected to begin within the next few months.

With erection of five new buildings on what was once called the "back campus" Gardner-Webb's center of activities has changed in the last decade. The original buildings face Quinn Circle, while the new structures all face in toward a central area.

Renovations to the Hamrick Building will consist of a masonry terrace, changes in window design, and addition of double doors opening on the first floor hallway. Details of design have not yet been approved by the building committee. The interior of the building will also be painted, and new draperies will be placed in the auditorium. The addition is expected to greatly enhance the appearance of the campus as it will replace an unsightly structure which once housed the old heating plant.

The late E. B. Hamrick of Boiling Springs, long a trustee and friend of the college, left \$10,000 in his will to bear a major portion of the cost of the proposed improvements to the building.

The Century Club

The Century Club has been re-activated and will hold its annual banquet in December. The club, composed of annual contributors of \$100 or more for support and expansion of the college, was active several years ago during an expansion program. Its re-organization is expected to expedite the present building campaign.

The club is composed of three units:

Members who contribute \$1,000 or more each year, those who give \$500 to \$1,000, and contributors of \$100 to \$500 annually. Club memberships are being subscribed by Felix Hamrick, associate director of the Golden Anniversary expansion program.

YOU can join the Century Club by filling out the form on the back of the QUARTERLY and mailing it to Felix Hamrick at the college. In doing so you will be giving needed support to your Alma Mater and you will be joining with others who take a vital interest in Christian education and Gardner-Webb College.

Beginning in 1957 the Century Club will have regular meetings to afford members an opportunity to review and discuss freely the plans, problems, and policies of the college.